

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 1, line 1, with the following:

B¹ --This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/496,200, filed on February 2, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,333,100 which issued on December 25, 2001.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 11-20 were pending. By the present response, claims 11-20 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to on the grounds set forth in paragraphs 3-5 of the Official Action. By the present response, applicants have amended the Abstract, Title, and first line of the specification in the manner recommended by the Examiner. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,326,093 to Lindholm et al. (hereafter "*Lindholm et al.*") on the grounds set